

## IRTS Radio News Bulletin Sunday December 17th, 2023

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### **Silent Key – Pat Kielthy EI6GR**

This week, we regretfully learned of the death of Pat Kielthy EI6GR on December 10th, 2023. Pat lived in Tallaght, Co. Dublin and was the beloved husband of Ann and loving dad to his four daughters and two sons. Pat started off in radio using CB and met his wife Ann through it. In later years, he was a mentor and Morse code tutor with the South Dublin Radio Club. Several amateurs got their tickets through his guidance. We extend our deepest sympathies to Pat's family and many friends. May he rest in peace.

As a mark of respect for the late Pat Kielthy EI6GR, we now pause for a moment of silence.

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### **IRTS Update**

The IRTS News Team will be taking a small break over the Christmas period. The last 40m and 80m IRTS news bulletins for 2023 are transmitted today, Sunday, December 17th. There will be no news bulletins on either Sunday December 24th or Sunday, December 31st. Normal bulletins will resume on Sunday, January 7th, 2024.

The committee and officers of the IRTS would like to wish all our members and their families a very happy and peaceful Christmas and we hope that 2024 is a great new year for all of you. Thank you all for your great support of the society in 2023 and we look forward to your continued support throughout 2024 and beyond.

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### **South Dublin Radio Club Update**

South Dublin Radio Club wish to thank all their members and friends a very Happy Christmas and New Year. The club is taking a break for Christmas and return on January 9th, 2024.

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### **Kells Radio Club Seeking Equipment**

Kells Radio Club EI7KRC is seeking help to source a two-meter diameter dish for its 10 GHz repeater following wind damage sustained over 20 years. This repeater uses the callsign EI3LLR and operates on 10.040 GHz. The club is also seeking a 100-foot stayed tower for removal from a site near Dublin. If you can help, please contact Ronnie EI9ED at +353 86 2575395.

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### **Shannon Basin Radio Club Nets Christmas Break**

Shannon Basin Radio Club report that their very popular weekly SSB DX nets on the 160m and 80m bands will take a break for Christmas and resume in January 2024. The final

topband SSB DX net for 2023 will take place on Monday December 18th from 21:00 UTC. Everyone is welcome to join especially first timers on the band, stations from as many countries as possible if conditions allow, and SWLs. The club thanks everyone for their support and interest and wishes a very Happy Christmas and New Year to all.

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### **IARU Region 1 Monitoring System November Newsletter**

The November edition of the IARU Region 1 Monitoring System newsletter has been published. They report a recurrence of several over the horizon radars intruding on the amateur radio bands. In addition, mixing products from broadcast radio stations, radio wars, taxis, and fishermen have been reported. You can download the newsletter and learn more about the monitoring system from [www.iaru-r1.org](http://www.iaru-r1.org)

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### **The First 80m Contests of 2024**

The IRTS 80m Daytime Counties will take place on New Year's Day, Monday the first of January 2024. This will be a one-hour long contest running from 17:00 UTC to 18:00 UTC. SSB, CW, and SWL categories are available to enter. For more information, please visit [www.irts.ie/contests](http://www.irts.ie/contests)

The UK and Ireland Contest Club announce that their next 80m contest of the 2023-2024 season will take place on Wednesday the 3rd of January 2024 at 20:00 UTC on SSB. The bonus stations EI5G and G5GEI will be active. Further information may be found at [www.ukeicc.com](http://www.ukeicc.com)

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### **Items for Inclusion in the Next Radio News**

That is the news for this week, and it is the final one for 2023. Items for inclusion in the next radio news, which will be on Sunday, January 7th, 2024, can be submitted by email to newsteam /at/ irts.ie for automatic forwarding to both the radio and printed news services. The deadline is midnight on Thursday the 4th of January 2024.

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